

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Peter VISCONTI et al.

Application No.: 10/759,360

Filed: January 16, 2004

For: DISPOSABLE SURGICAL SUCTION/IRRIGATION TRUMPET VALVE TUBE
CASSETTE



Confirmation No.: 9925

Art Unit: 3767

Examiner: Elizabeth MACNEILL

Attorney Docket No.: 029714.00027

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH A REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

DATE: September 2, 2008

Sir:

Coupled with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination, Applicants request that, prior to initial examination, the above-identified application be **FURTHER** amended as shown below. This paper is in reply to the final Office Action dated May 1, 2008, the period for response being extended one month from August 1, 2008 to September 1, 2008 with payment of the appropriate fees.

Amendments to the **Claims** begin on page 2

Remarks begin on page 7.